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THE INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SERVING THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS

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from the Board of The Villas at Five Ponds

■ THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Note: If your issue occurs during the period that Lemus Construction's two crews are actually in our development replacing roofing systems, you should make their service division aware of that fact as well.

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LEAF COLLECTION

The ongoing "battle" that happens every year, between the contracted leaf clean up and the trees depositing seemingly endless number of leaves onto



our property—the trees always seemingly always to win!

The final mowing this year in November did shred and gather up a lot of leaves and one more leaf clean up only to take place in December

INSURANCE

Below is part of a note that The Villas at Five Ponds received from the Community's Insurance Agency, Brown & Brown, asking us to remind all home owners in our HOA at a minimum have a standard Homeowners Policy (commonly referred to as an "HO-3") which include these important coverage's;

- Dwelling Coverage: Building or structure including the exterior as well as the interior.
- Personal Property: Includes furniture, clothing, and personal effect. A dollar value assessment should be made for all your personal belongings.
- Personal Articles Floater; This would cover items such as jewelry, fir, cameras etc. which are only provided on a limited basis in your basic homeowner's policy.
- Person Liability: Provides protection for suit or allegations of bodily injury and/or property damage for which you are responsible. This coverage is needed whether you occupy your unit or rent it out, and should include medical payments.
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Personal Umbrella Liability; In an effort to protect your assets from suits and judgments you may wish to consider purchasing higher limits of liability insurance.

• Not mentioned, but the Board recommends having insurance coverage for the "water & sewer" lines locate on the exterior of your home, but still on your deeded property.

We encourage you to discuss these things with your insurance company or agent to insure you have the correct coverage.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING & DECORATIONS (As a reminder—)

- a. Decorations that produce excessive glare, noise, or endanger the health and welfare of the community are not permitted. Outdoor holiday lights may be displayed only for Christmas and Hanukkah.
- b. Decorations and/or holiday lights associated with Christmas or Hanukkah may be installed and illuminated after November 15 and must be turned off and removed by January 15. Outdoor holiday lighting must be turned off by 12 AM. No lighting and/or decorations may be placed in the Common

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As our community members, your comments and remarks are invited on any shared topic of interest.

~The Villa's Voice Staff

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PRESENTS

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TABLE GAMES (DOMINOES, RUMMIKUB & SEQUENCE) AT FIVE PONDS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

Donna Besignano

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS for a friendly, pickup game of either Rummikub, Mexican Train Dominoes or Sequence.

Don't know how to play? We'll teach you. Newbies always welcome. No stress, just fun!

We get together EVERY Thursday at 7 PM in the Clubhouse and play according to the following schedule:

1st & 3rd Thursdays—Mexican Train Dominoes 2nd & 4th Thursdays—Rummikub

5th Thursdays - Sequence OR Players Choice

(Check the calendar in *The Villa's Voice* for any changes to the regular schedule.)

For questions, call Donna Besignano 908-672-1092.

NOTE: If it is a Rummikub night and you have a game, please bring it along to make sure that we have enough.

FIVE PONDS SINGLES • MERRYL PELBERG

THE FIVE PONDS SINGLES are winding down 2024 with some fun activities. On November 8, a group of us went to the "Mystery Night" at the Cock n' Bull Restaurant in Lahaska. It was an '80s theme and some of our group dressed up in that mode. They looked great! While eating our dinner, the actors put on a murder mystery show that each table tried to solve. Well, lo and behold, one of our tables figured out who the murderer was. We couldn't believe it!!

We will be ending the year with a holiday luncheon at Cafe Barolo in Warrington on Wednesday, December 4. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:30 in the Clubhouse Multipurpose room. We will be planning our spring agenda at that meeting. New ideas for outings are always welcome.

I want to wish everyone a HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR! See you in 2025.

PING PONG PLAYERS

WANTED! = Joe Kwiatek

PING PONG is played every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 3:30 PM in the Clubhouse Sports Lounge. Join us.

For information, talk to us in the Clubhouse while we play.





JOIN US AT THE 5 PONDS KNITTING & CRAFTING GROUP

Are you creative? Can you read a pattern?

Donna Besignano

JOIN US on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of EACH month at 7 PM by the fireplace in the Multipurpose room of the Clubhouse.

(Check the calendar in *The Villa's Voice* for any changes to the regular schedule.)

Bring your own portable craft that you are working on and enjoy the friendship of the evening.

Questions? Call Donna Besignano 908-672-1092.

PROJECT LINUS GROUP PROJECT!

■ KATHY O'BRIEN

THIS FLEECE blanket was recently completed by our community volunteers for Project Linus.

It is so rewarding to provide security and comfort to children with this easy group project. We would love to have more neigh-



bors join us! We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Clubhouse. Questions? Call Kathy O'Brien, 215-674-4729.

















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THE JUAN SOTO SWEEPSTAKES

JAKE SAMSON, THE VILLA'S VOICE GUEST SPORTS REPORTER

I HAVE SPENT WAY TOO MUCH TIME ON THE EAGLES, and honestly am scared to even dive into the 2-12 (at the moment I'm writing this) 76ers. So, let's talk baseball! The Phillies Red October was rather short lived, getting bounced in the first round to their rival New York Mets. It was sad, but something that we as fans seemingly prepared for given how the past couple of years have gone for us. However, there is a chance that this lineup could get a huge boost in the next couple of weeks, and his name is Juan Soto.

So, who is Juan Soto? Soto is a 26 year old outfielder from the Dominican Republic. Most recently of the Yankees, Soto was signed as an international free agent in 2015 as a 17 year old. Since then, he has gone from Washington, to San Diego, and then the Big Apple for a season. Now, he faces a full on free agency period, with a number of teams including the Phillies clamoring to get the star.

In his career, Soto has batted .285, has hit 201 HRs and 592 RBIs, made 5 all star games and has won a batting title. He would be a great fit on the Phillies, sliding into the left/center field role pretty much automatically. However, there are plenty of other teams



Juan Soto

that will be paying hundreds of millions of dollars for their services. The Yankees are the favorites to keep him according to BetMGM's odds, with the Mets and Red Sox in the 2 and 3 spots respectively. However, Soto has played with both Trea Turner and Bryce Harper, and has mentioned he will take a free agency meeting with the Phils, so maybe it isn't too big of a dream after all. This will be THE story of the MLB offseason, and the Phillies have a chance to make a humungous splash.





THE PARTIES PLUS Halloween Committee. (Left to right) Madelyn Mickelberg, Lorraine Incollingo, Karen Schwartz, Leenie Rogovitz, Penny Barenbaum, and Casey Bauer. Event photos are on the VFP website.

PARTYING PONDERS— OH WHAT A NIGHT! • THE PARTIES PLUS COMMITTEE

AFTER AN ABUNDANCE OF PHONE CALLS to members of Parties Plus the day after our Halloween Party, it would be fair to say rave reviews were truly appreciated.

Following an extensive cocktail hour, guests dined, danced to the music of our DJ and enjoyed the live performance of a talented singing duet show. The Photo Booth was constantly busy providing printed memories for our attendees.

Best costume prizes went to Paul and Carole Denish. Fabulous raffles were won by Debbie Klein, Elliott Goldberg and Gary Bouchert. The room filled with energy, fun, laughter and pure enjoyment of one another.

Special thanks and appreciation to Tom Lunde for his tireless photography, Karen Krieger for her artful website assistance and Alyse Silverman for donating a chocolate pretzel tray.

Join us next time on May 3, 2025 for another evening filled with fun, fun and more fun! Details to follow shortly.





Photo by Sara Pinkus for The Bucks County Herald, published in the October 31st issue.

FIRST PLACE WINNER - ARLENE BLANCK

"THE CENTENNIAL JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION, a speed puzzle contest, took place on October 26, 2024 at William Tennent High School in Warminster PA.

During the 'serious but fun' afternoon of speed puzzling each team was given the same 500 piece puzzle to complete. Teams were able to take home the puzzle at the end of the competition, which raised funds for the Centennial Education Foundation.

Larry Blanck and his team, Five Ponders, won first place, completing the puzzle in 31 minutes, 51 seconds."*

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2025 MAH JONGG CARDS TO BE AVAILABLE SOON!

TOBY KOLMAN is selling 2025 Mah Jongg cards— Standard Cards \$14; Large Print \$15. She will be collecting up until second week of December, 2024. A portion of the proceeds go to Cancer Research. Checks should be made out to: Marlyn Fein Chakov Cancer Chapter.

If interested, Please drop off money to her at 158 Fairway Dr., Phone: 267-872-3597, tobykolman233@gmail.com.

TOYS FOR TOTS - MERRYL PELBERG

WE WILL BE COLLECTING again this year for the TOYS FOR TOTS organization.

The collection will end on December 5.

Please make your donation checks out

to **Toys For Tots.** There will be a bag on my door, **Merryl Pelberg,** 103 Villa Drive, 215-443-8588, and on **Lorraine Incollingo**'s door, 207 Fairway Drive, 215-378-5538 for the checks. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Let's help make the holidays really special for some kids!!! Thank you, Merryl Pelberg.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS Decorating Committee: Yossi Zahal, Larry Nodiff, Fran Foley, Matt Green, Jim O'Brien, Chuck Vincelette, and (not shown) Jim Tate. The Board and residents thanks all volunteers.



THIS SECTION features personal community messages, extended family notes, and special events. Your free listing is welcomed. Please provide information and/or photo via email by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Send to: RonaldDorfmanDesign@comcast.net



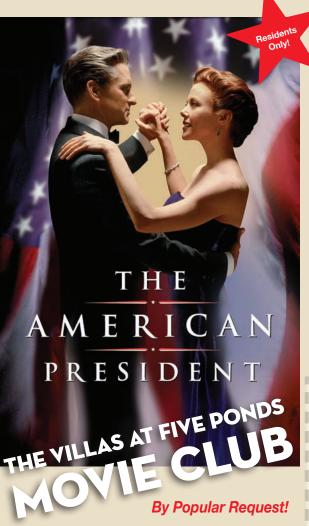
ENGAGEMENT

CAROLE & PAUL DENISH are delighted to announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Emily Leddington, to Nick Petrich. Emily is the daughter of Michael and Robin Leddington. Nick is the son of Rich and Monique Petrich.

An October, 2025 wedding is planned. "Mazel Tov" to the family!

Emily Leddington & Nick Petrich

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ROGER EBERT & & & & & &

It is hard to make a good love story, harder to make a good comedy and harder still to make an intelligent film about politics. Rob Reiner's "The American President" cheerfully does all three, and is a great entertainment..

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2024 at 7:30 PM

- Check-in begins at 7 PM Movie begins promptly at 7:30 PM
- · Refreshments will be served
- · No Walk-Ins · Reservations Required
- · Deadline for reservations: Wednesday, December 11th
- · Cost: \$3 per person

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MEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON!

■ Steve Warshaw & Howard Rabinovitch

THE MEN'S CLUB OF THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS will be hosting a luncheon at Guiseppi's Restaurant at 1380 Street Road, Warminster,

PA on Thursday December 5, 2024 at 12:30 PM (the time is 12:30 not 12:00 PM).

The arrangement is the same as previous luncheons. You will order off the menu, either salad or sandwich and a non-alcoholic beverage. There will be a bill for each table to be divided among those at the table. This will be an opportunity to get together with you neighbors and see off those that are heading South for the winter. There is no money to be paid in advance but I would appreciate you sending an email to sgwarshaw@aol.com to let me know of your attendance so I can advise the head count to the restaurant.

MEN'S CLUB EAGLES SCHEDULE!

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Villas at Five Ponds will be hosting a viewing of the Philadelphia Eagles at the Five Ponds Clubhouse every week that the team plays. Unless the NFL changes the schedule, they will play the following weeks:

December 1 **Baltimore Ravens** 4:25 PM December 8 Carolina Panthers 1:00 PM December 15 Pittsburgh Steelers 4:25 PM December 22 Washington Commanders 1:00 PM December 29 Dallas Cowboys 4:25 PM

We hope you will join us each week to watch the game with your neighbors.









HELP IS AVAILABLE! - MARY LANGDON

IF YOU ARE RECOVERING from an illness or are homebound we would like to help. Would you like a visit? Need errands run?

Please consider using Helping Hands. We have "Hands" ready to assist the needs of our residents. Contact Mary Langdon, 30 Villa Drive, 215-441-8093, edmaryl@verizon.net.

HELPING HANDS CLUB

Mary Langdon, Chair

TO OUR NEIGHBORS who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of December, the Helping Hands Club of The Villas at Five Ponds wish you a happy day.

· GET WELL WISHES to Carol Anderson, Phyllis Warshaw, Aileen Salus, and Merryl Pelberg.

Please tell us if you know of anyone who is ill/hospitalized, lost a loved one, or just needs a "helping hand."

Contact Mary Langdon, 30 Villa Drive, 215-441-8093, edmaryl@verizon.net.

····· 2024 Committee & Club Chairs & Co-Chairs ······



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New members always welcomed!

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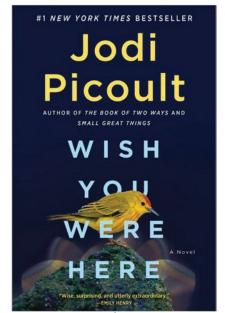
VISH YOU WERE HERE" **BY JODI PICCOULT**

■ SHARYN POLSKY, BOOK REVIEWER

DIANA IS AN ART HISTORY MAJOR who works for Sotheby's procuring famous works of art to be sold at auction. She has her whole life planned out. She wants to be married by thirty and be finished having children by thirty-five. Her boyfriend, Finn, is a surgical resident. They plan to visit the Galapagos Islands for a romantic getaway that is on their bucket list. Diana finds a ring in the back of Finn's sock drawer so she presumes he is going to propose to her on this trip. Unfortunately, there is a fly in the ointment. The Covid epidemic has taken off in New York and Finn has to report to the hospital as it is all hands on deck. He encourages Diana to go anyway since the trip is non-refundable.

When she arrives in Galapagos, her luggage has been lost. The island has shut down to tourists because of the pandemic. There are

no flights out. Her hotel has closed. Fortunately, Abuela, a native woman, offers her a place to stay and cooks some meals for Diana. She meets Beatrix, her troubled granddaughter who has come home after her school was shut down due to the pandemic. Beatrix comes to trust Diana and confides her secrets with her. Diana identifies with her because Beatrix's mother has left her and Diana's mother



was too involved with her career as a world-famous photographer to provide a loving relationship with her daughter. Later she meets Beatrix's father, Gabriel, who is initially wary of tourists but subsequently gets to know Diana. He was a former tour guide so he uses his knowledge to show Diana around the island. They begin to have feelings for each other. I know that this sounds like a Hallmark movie, but it is so much more. I tried to read this book months ago but I put it down because I wasn't interested in an island romance. I had to read it for my book club and when I persisted, I found the book to have some twists and turns that make it guite inter-

Diana finds it is very hard to communicate with Finn as the cell phone service is very poor. Gabriel enlists an island woman, who has designs on him, to help Diana get an internet connection at the hotel where she works. Beatrix agrees to send postcards Diana has written to Finn. Diana gets updates from Finn describing the dire situation caused by the pandemic at the

hospital where he is employed in New York.

Diana goes with Gabriel to see a remote place on the island that he wants to show her. She falls in the water and almost drowns. She feels that she is choking and having difficulty getting her breath.

It turns out that she was in the hospital where Finn works. She had contracted Covid and she had great difficulty breathing and was on a ventilator for several days. It was uncertain if she would survive. While she was unconscious, she believed her adventures in Galapagos were real. In actuality, she had never gotten to Galapagos. She came down with Covid before she could make the trip.

After extensive rehab, she comes back to the apartment she shared with Finn. Because of her near death experience, she starts to question her goals and values. She wants to become an art therapist. Finn is not supportive of this desire. She realizes that even though Finn is "perfect, he is not perfect for her.

She says 'Memories are the safeguards we use to keep from making the same mistakes."

She is obsessed with her remembrance of Galapagos. She feels compelled to go to Galapagos to see if her dream was real or just a fevered dream when she was very ill. What she finds will intrigue you.

She does research on the internet to see if others have had the same experience. She finds a man who was in an auto accident. After the accident he believed he has a wife and child in another town and he was going there to see them even though they did not exist. He started to speak in a language that was not his own.

In the epilogue we learn there are documented cases where people who have had a near death experience, remember an alternate reality that they are convinced is real.

What do you think? Is this possible?

NOTE: Netflix has procured the rights to produce a movie based on this book. The release date has not been revealed yet. ~SP







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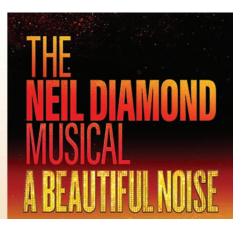
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If you are able and wish to donate food, I am happy to pick it up from your home. I can be reached at 914-393-8076. Or you may leave it in the box in the vestibule at the Clubhouse. Please keep in mind that personal care items and paper products are also welcome as many of those cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7	2 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room, 10:30 AM	3 Water Aerobics, 1 PM	4	5 Men's Club Lunch, Guisep- pi's, 12:30 PM Table Games, Multipurpose Room, 7 PM	6 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room, 10:30 AM Holiday Happy Hour. Multipurpose Room, 5 PM	7
8	9 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room, 10:30 AM	10 Water Aerobics, 1 PM	77 Knitting & Crafting Club, Multipurpose Room, 7 PM Anestasia at Bucks County Playhouse, 11 AM bus	12 Table Games, Multipurpose Room, 7 PM	13 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room, 10:30 AM	14
15	16 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room, 10:30 AM	17 Water Aerobics, 1 PM	78 A Beautiful Noise, Forrest Theater, meets 11 AM for bus.	19 Project Linus, Clubhouse, 1:30 PM Table Games, Multipurpose Room, 7 PM	20 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room, 10:30 AM Movie Night, Coda, 7:30 PM	21
22	23 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room 10:30 AM	24 Water Aerobics, 1 PM	25 Christmas Day Hanukkah Starts	26	27 Chair Yoga, Multipurpose Room, 10:30 AM	28
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